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### Amendments to the Claims

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims, and listing of claims in the application.*

1. (Currently Amended) Cosmetics composition comprising a thickener, a hydrocarbon having 4 to 7 carbon atoms isopentane as propellant, a surfactant and water, wherein the composition is contained in a container under a pressure of at least 0.1 bar in excess of atmospheric pressure and below 3 bar.
2. (Original) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the pressure is no more than 2 bar.
3. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the container is a plastic container.
4. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises at least two surfactants and a hydrophobic compound having a HLB-value of less than 10 wherein said composition further has a viscosity according to Brookfield (23°C, Spindle TE, 5 RPM) of in the range of 5,000 to 50,000 mPas.
5. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, comprising from 0.01 to 30 wt.% of thickener, from 1 to 15 wt.% of propellant, from 0.5 to 50 wt.% of surfactant and the balance being water and other customary body care ingredients.
6. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the thickener is chosen from the group of gums, poly(meth)acrylates, polymers based upon aerosil-types, polysaccharides, high molecular polyethyleneglycolmono-and diesters of fatty acids,

polyacrylamides, polyvinylalcohols, polyvinylpyrrolidons, esters of fatty acids with polyols, fatty alcoholethoxylates, alkyloligoglucosides and sugar-esters.

7. (Original) Composition according to claim 6, wherein the thickener is chosen from xanthan gum, guar-guar, agar-agar alginates, tyloses, carboxymethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose.
8. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1 further comprising one or more ingredients chosen from the group of pH regulating agents, oil bodies, emulsifying agents, preservatives, perfumes, moisturizing agents, UV-filters, emollients, superfatting agents, brighteners, strength improving agents, silicon agents, fats, waxes, lecithins, phospholipids, stabilizing agents, anti-bacterial agents and other bioactive agents, odor-absorbing agents, antiperspirants, antidandruff agents, film-forming agents, swelling agents, antioxidants, insect-repellents, hydrotropes, tanning agents, tyrosin inhibitors, solubilizers and colorants.
9. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a fatty alcohol preferably of the formula  $R_1OH$ ,  $R_1$  being a aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms and 0, 1, 2, or 3 double bonds.
10. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a fatty alcoholalkoxylate preferably of the formula  $R_2O(AlkO)_mH$ ,  $R_2$  being an aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms,  $m$  being an integer from 1 to 30 and  $AlkO$  being an alkyleneoxide.
11. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition comprises a fatty alcoholalkoxylate of the formula  $R_2O(AlkO)_mH$ ,  $R_2$  being

an aliphatic hydrocarbon group containing 8 to 22 carbon atoms, m being an integer from 5 to 20 and AlkO being chosen from ethyleneoxide and propylene oxide.

12. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 4, wherein the viscosity according to Brookfield (23°C, Spindle TE, 5 RPM) of said composition is in the range of 10,000 to 50,000, preferably in the range of 20,000 to 30,000 mPas.
13. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition is a gel.
14. (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition comprises:
  - a) 0.01 to 30 % w/w of a thickener,
  - b) 0.1 to 20 % w/w of a hydrophobic compound having an HLB value of less than 10,
  - c) 0.5 to 40 % anionic surfactants,
  - d) 0.25 to 5 % amphoteric surfactants, and/or
  - e) 0.5 to 40 % nonionic surfactants,and is further characterized by the composition having a viscosity of 5,000 to 50,000 mPas and the weight ratio of components c:d or c:e being in the range of 2:1 to 8:1.
15. (Previously Presented) Container comprising a cosmetics composition according to claim 1.
16. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing Use of a cosmetic composition according to claim 1 comprising mixing a thickener, a hydrocarbon having 4 to 7 carbon atoms isopentane as propellant, a surfactant and water, wherein the composition is contained in a container under a pressure of at least 0.1 bar in excess of atmospheric pressure and below 3 bar, and wherein the cosmetic composition is as a sun cream or lotion, body

milk, shampoo, bathing or shower gel, ointment, deodorant, hair care product or moisturizing cream.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a cosmetic composition, the method comprising incorporating a hydrocarbon having 4 to 7 carbon atoms as Use of an isopentane propellant incorporated into a thickener, a surfactant and water, cosmetics composition wherein the composition is contained in a container under a pressure of at least 0.1 bar in excess of atmospheric pressure and below 3 bar.
18. (New) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is a linear alkane.
19. (New) Composition according to claim 18, wherein the linear alkane is linear pentane.
20. (New) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is a branched alkane.
21. (New) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is isopentane.
22. (New) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is a hydrocarbon having 4 carbon atoms.
23. (New) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is a hydrocarbon having 6 carbon atoms.
24. (New) Composition according to claim 1, wherein the propellant is a hydrocarbon having 7 carbon atoms.